Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 09 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 10 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 at 10:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the cold generally fine conditions during Thursday and Friday, lower for the details with showers later Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 09 Mar 2023: Mainly dry and sunny, but cold with a freshening east to northeasterly breeze.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	00%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Weather: A few snow showers around northern and later eastern coastal ranges, otherwise dry and clear overnight. A dry and bright day will follow with plenty of sunshine, but perhaps the odd snow shower at first towards Ben Wyvis and the Caithness hills.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Summits largely clear of cloud with excellent visibilities, but broken cloud forming in the showers with bases down to 400 metres and poor visibilities.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/12 E	8/11 NE	11/14 E	16/21 E	16/23 E	19/27 E	20/27 NE	20/26 NE	16/20 NE
900	9/11 E	8/10 NE	10/13 E	16/21 E	16/23 E	19/27 E	19/26 NE	19/26 NE	15/19 NE
600	7/9 E	5/8 E	8/10 E	10/16 E	12/19 E	14/23 E	12/20 NE	11/18 NE	9/13 NE
300	4/9 NE	4/9 NE	4/10 E	4/14 E	7/19 E	8/23 E	5/20 NE	5/20 NE	4/14 NE
Glen	7/10 NE	6/9 NE	7/11 E	7/15 E	9/19 E	11/22 E	9/20 NE	8/18 NE	7/14 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-8/-14	-8/-14	-8/-14	-7/-14	-6/-13	-5/-13	-7/-15	-8/-15	-8/-15
900	-7/-13	-8/-13	-7/-13	-6/-13	-5/-12	-4/-12	-6/-14	-7/-14	-7/-14
600	-5/-9	-6/-9	-5/-10	-4/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-9	-5/-10	-5/-10
300	-6/-9	-6/-9	-6/-9	-2/-5	1/-3	1/-3	-2/-5	-3/-6	-4/-6
Glen	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-0/-4	3/-0	4/-0	1/-2	0/-4	-0/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very cold temperatures with a significant wind chill as the winds freshen. Sun glare off the snow pack.

Forecast for Friday 10 Mar 2023

Weather: A few snow showers around northern and western coastal ranges, otherwise mostly dry and clear overnight followed by sunny spells during the morning. Showers will turn heavier and spread southeast across all ranges during the afternoon, before clearing away south during the evening.

Maximum wind: North backing westerly for a time, 10-15 mph, but locally 25 gust 35 mph across the north later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, becoming 20% for a time during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Summits largely clear of cloud with excellent visibilities, but broken cloud forming in the showers with bases down to 400 metres and poor visibilities, and this becoming more widespread for a time during the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 rising to plus 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Surface to 200 metres.

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